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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/443,712 for METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING SYSTEM 7 (SS7) USER PART MESSAGES AMONG SS7 SIGNALING POINTS (SPs) AND INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP) NODES USING SIGNAL TRANSFER POINTS (STPs)
Our File No. 1322/8

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Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);
2. Form PTO/SB/08A in duplicate;
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- [] The undersigned is unable to so certify, because submission of the present Information Disclosure Statement is after receipt by applicant of an Official Action on the merits, and thus the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$180.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0426 under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(p).

In addition, the sentence beginning on line 14 of page of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 19, 2003, should read as follows:

Thus, based on the status reports listed above, Applicants were working on implementation details for providing SS7 over IP functionality in their STP at least as early as June 15, 1998.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B with initials or other appropriate marks. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

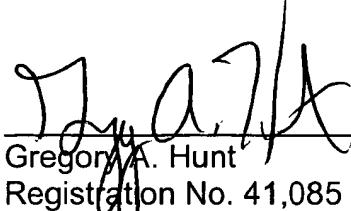
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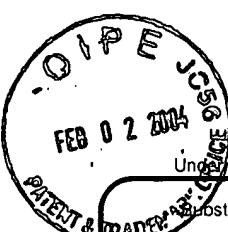
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